



Loudoun County, Virginia

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR TRANSIT PLANNING, ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

ACCEPTANCE DATE: Prior to 4:00 p.m. December 8, 2023 “Atomic Time”

RFP NUMBER: RFQ 638797

ACCEPTANCE PLACE: Loudoun County Government Offices
1 Harrison Street, S.E., 1st Floor
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Leesburg, Virginia 20175

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ALL HAND DELIVERED PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THIS LOCATION PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M. on the Acceptance Date of the proposal in order to be considered. Proposals will not be accepted at any other building locations or after 4:00 p.m.

Please contact the Contracting Officer designated on the front cover of the solicitation with any questions regarding this process. Offerors are strongly encouraged to check the County’s website routinely for updates.

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Prepared By: _____ s/Farah Navder _____ Date: October 30, 2023
Contracting Officer

CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR TRANSIT PLANNING, ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

1.0 PURPOSE

The intent of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain the services of qualified consultants to establish one (1) or more fixed fee, open-ended contracts for Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement in support of the County of Loudoun, Virginia (County) Capital Improvement Program and other County transit planning analysis and public engagement requirements on an “as needed” basis for a one (1) year period with up to three (3) additional one (1) year periods. The number of Contracts will depend on the number and quality of the proposals received with a maximum of three (3) Contracts being awarded.

2.0 COMPETITION INTENDED

It is the County's intent that this RFP permits competition. It shall be the offeror's responsibility to advise the Purchasing Agent in writing if any language, requirement, specification, etc., or any combination thereof, inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this RFP to a single source. Such notification must be received by the Purchasing Agent not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for acceptance of proposals.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Loudoun County Department of General Services, Transit and Commuter Services receives continuous requirements to perform transit planning, analysis, and public engagement to include evaluation of route performance, development of new routes, development of policies, increasing and improving the customer experience that are outside the normal work load and capabilities of the Department. In order to respond to the County’s transit planning, analysis and public engagement needs, the Department is seeking to supplement its staff capabilities with on-call consultant services.
- 3.2 Loudoun County may be required to undertake a number of different types of transit planning, analysis and public engagement projects. Examples of past or current projects include analysis of transportation needs of seniors and disabled individuals, Title VI Plan update, operational analysis of route performance, staffing analysis, DRPT mandated Transit Strategic Plan and Commuter Assistance Strategic Plan, and analysis of commuter services to those outside of Loudoun County. etc.
- 3.3 Many task orders issued through this RFP will be in response to questions raised by the Board of Supervisors, other elected officials, and the public. Most, if not all, of these requests for analyses and studies will have aggressive timeframes that require meeting strict deadlines. However, all requests will require strong technical

expertise, written communication skills, and comprehensive public participation and community outreach skills.

- 3.4 Because of the above requirements and needs, the County of Loudoun is seeking to contract with a number of firms to provide professional transit services and operations planning, analysis, and methods for public engagement.
- 3.5 This RFP does not have a Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) goal as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 goal, however, the County of Loudoun believes that these services support ten-percent (10%) DBE participation.

4.0 OFFEROR'S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Offerors must demonstrate that they have the resources and capability to provide the materials and services as described herein. All offerors must submit the documentation indicated below with their proposal. Failure to provide any of the required documentation may be the cause for the proposal to be deemed non-responsible and rejected.

The following criteria shall be met in order to be eligible for this contract:

- 4.1 Offerors must be multi-faceted firms and demonstrate extensive experience in the Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement areas and identified in the scope of services contained in Section 5.0 of this RFP by providing comparable projects that have been successfully completed within five (5) years of the due date of this RFP. Refer to RFP Paragraph 6.3 for additional information.
 - Comparable projects would include projects that demonstrate extensive experience in the Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement areas identified in Section 5.0 of this RFP.
 - A successfully completed project shall include projects that were completed within the contract time, including any owner approved time extensions, projects that were completed at or below the contract award amount, including any subsequent owner approved cost change orders and projects that were completed in accordance with the contract documents.
- 4.2 Project Manager(s) shall have at least ten (10) years of work experience with a focus on Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement as mentioned in Section 5.0 of this RFP.
- 4.3 Debarment: By signing and submitting a proposal, Offerors are certifying that they are not currently debarred by any local or state government or the Federal Government. Offerors shall provide in their proposal documentation related to all debarments that occurred within the last ten (10) years.

5.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES/TASKS TO BE PERFORMED

All proposals must be made on the basis of, and either meet or exceed, the requirements contained herein.

- 5.1 Loudoun County is seeking qualified consultants who are able to provide exceptional work in Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement.

Qualified offerors are encouraged to submit a proposal for the Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement. Offerors will need to possess the following basic/main skills:

- Public Participation and Outreach
- Documentation/Technical Writing
- Visualization and Graphic Design
- GIS/Mapping
- General Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Data Collection

5.2 General Scope

- A. A purchase order must be issued for each task prior to the start of work. The purchase order shall constitute the notice to proceed, unless otherwise indicated.
- B. Individual tasks may require supervision, manpower, materials, equipment and supplies necessary to complete any of the services outlined below.
- C. All services shall be performed in compliance with industry standards and all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations including State Health Department, Virginia USBC, Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Agency (VOSHA) and OSHA rules and regulations.
- D. The services to be provided under this contract may include but are not limited to the following:
 1. Evaluations, investigations, analysis, recommendations, cost and time estimates, reports, studies, designs, preparation of construction documents (including drawings in latest AutoCAD version and specifications), financial planning, market research and promotion, policy analysis, GIS and Mapping, visualization/graphic design and public participation and outreach.
 2. Professional involvement throughout all phases of the project, including but not limited to development of programs; preparation of reports; periodic progress reports/meetings; preparation for and participation in briefings and presentations to staff groups, citizen groups, the County Board of Supervisors and federal or state agencies; processing of invoices for services; timely processing of project correspondence, Consultants' requests for payment, and material and equipment submittals.
 3. Coordination with other County contractors.
 4. Other types of professional and non-professional services of a nature consistent with the intent of this RFP as so directed by the County.

5.3 Fee/rate Schedule: Hourly rates established under this Contract shall include:

- A. Administrative items such as fax transmissions, long distance phone calls, mailing services, courier services, and materials required in the

preparation of presentations, cost of reports, submittals and other expenses deemed typical in the conduct of business.

- B. Transportation to and from job sites, vehicles, fuel, vehicle maintenance, cell phones, personal computers, printers, cameras, video equipment, software, general office supplies, home office and administrative support and all overhead and incidental costs.

5.4 Task Order Scope of Work:

A detailed Scope of Services will be developed by the County Project Manager based on Paragraph 5.0, for each task order under this Contract.

- A. The Consultant shall make every effort to keep the personnel assigned to a task order consistent, reference Section 8.19.
- B. The Consultant shall assign a Project Manager to each task in order to provide consultation and management services. The Consultant's Project Manager will be responsible for staffing the work and the review of all submittals, reports and work products prior to submission to the County. The Consultant's Project Manager will have the final responsibility for quality control.
- C. The Consultant shall provide a Quality Control (QC) program narrative in their task order proposal with QC team members identified. QC team shall be an independent senior member of the architectural firm, or subconsultant, and shall not be the Project Manager.

5.4 Consultant Selection for Each Task Order

The County may award an individual Task Order to any Consultant awarded a contract. Selection of the Consultant and award of the Task Order will be in compliance with the following criteria:

- A. Rotational selection among all Consultants, unless otherwise determined by the County.
- B. Type of project as it relates the Consultant's experience.
- C. Size of project, as it relates to the County's independent cost estimate.
- D. Balancing of workload (Task Order dollar volume and consultants backlog) among Consultants.
- E. Evaluation of past and current performance on Task Orders of a similar nature and type of work, project size, project management challenges, schedule performance, quality control, etc.
- F. Consultant's responsiveness to the County on Task Orders.

5.5 Transit Planning, Analysis and Community Engagement

The following outlines the main areas of focus the County will be using to evaluate consultants submitting qualifications for Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement.

Transit Planning, Analysis and Community Engagement encompasses a wide range of public transit modes (bus, rail, paratransit) and ridesharing options servicing the general populations and subgroups of the general population. The experience and skills required for Transit Planning, Analysis and Community Engagement include:

- Service Planning and Analysis
- On-board passenger Surveys
- Transit Strategic Plan development
- Commuter Assistance Strategic Plan development
- Collection and Analysis of Boarding/Alighting Passenger Counts including both on-board (ride checks) and bus stop (point check) counts.
- Route Service Productivity and Performance Analysis (on time performance, ridership information, etc.)
- *Operator Training*
- *Operations and Maintenance Training*
- *Development of Maintenance Standards*
- New, innovative, and emerging technologies in the transit industry
- Intelligent Technology Solutions Comprehensive Transit Operations Analysis
- Transportation Demand Management Development, Implementation and Evaluation
- Bus Stop/Bus Shelter Location and Design
- Resource requirement (staffing) analysis
- Rebranding of Loudoun Transit Operations and Services
- Strategies for effective outreach and public engagement (pop-up events, local fairs, farmer's markets, etc.)
- Transit Operations and Services Marketing including linking to the Metrorail System
- Design engagement process for long range transit plans
- Strategies targeted for hard-to-reach communities, including limited English proficiency
- Website design for conveying transit's messages to the public
- Publication of annual report of transit system performance and community engagement results
- Development of data dashboard for daily monitoring of route performance
- Title VI assessments of service and/or fare changes
- Title VI Plan Updates
- Innovations for increasing ridership of the transit system
- Ridesharing program implementation and management
- Commuter Benefits Program Development, Implementation and Evaluation

- Improving the customer service experience throughout transit operations and services
- ADA Planning and Compliance Transportation Programs and Services for elderly and special populations

6.0 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS & SELECTION PROCEDURES

The Instructions for Submitting Proposals set forth certain criteria which will be used in the evaluation of proposals and selection of the successful offeror. In addition, the criteria set forth below will be considered.

6.1 Proposal Analysis Group

The Proposal Analysis Group (PAG) will include representatives from the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure.

6.2 Schedule

The following schedule is **tentative**. The number of proposals received will determine the actual schedule.

Proposals Due	December 11, 2023
Shortlist Announcement	January 22, 2024
Interviews	February 6, 2024
Final Ranking Announcement	February 16, 2024

6.3 Proposal Content

Failure to provide the following items with your proposal may be cause for rejection of proposal as non-responsible.

The PAG will review and evaluate each proposal and selection will be made on the basis of the criteria listed below. Offerors are to make written proposals that present the offerors qualifications and understanding of the work to be performed.

- **Do not include cost information in your proposal. This information will be requested from the top-ranked offeror.**
- **Do not include proposed modifications to the terms and conditions in your proposal.**

Proposal content should be arranged in the same order as presented herein and divided by tabs. Use doubled sided print.

Tab A. Signature Page (Page 35 & 36)

Tab B. Include required documents:

- Proof of Authority to Transact Business Form (Page 37)
- W-9, insurance certificate;
- Addenda
- “How did you Hear” form (Page 38)

Tab C. Table of Contents

Tab D. Transmittal letter

Transmittal should be on the offeror’s letterhead and identify:

- The name of the offeror's firm submitting the proposal, main office address and identify whether the offeror will be structured as a corporation, limited liability company, general partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, or other form of organization.
- Include an overall statement on the offerors experience providing Services similar to the requirement of this RFP.

Tab E. Project Management and Technical Expertise

(This is the Offeror's Minimum Qualifications Response to RFP: Section 4.0)

Include as a minimum:

1. For the Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement Tasks contained in Section 5.5, provide three (3) detailed project descriptions that demonstrate extensive experience in Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement. (maximum of one (1) page per project) These projects must have been completed within five (5) years of the issue date of this RFP. All Offerors must demonstrate extensive experience working with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) or other state equivalent.
 - Graphics, maximum of three (3) per project (photographs, maps, drawings etc.)
 - Provide a detailed description of the projects including completion date and final costs. Discuss how the client's design, economic, and operational objectives were satisfied by the design.
 - Also, provide information on delivery of these projects on time and within budget. Provide schedule time (contract/actual); cost of services (estimated/actual); and problems encountered, and solutions devised.
 - Provide a contact name, phone number, and email address for the main point of contact for each project.
2. References: all offerors shall include with their proposals a minimum of three (3) current references. This list shall include company name, person to contact, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and the nature of the work performed. Failure to include references may cause rejection of the proposal as non-responsible. Offeror hereby releases listed references from all claims and liability for damages that may result from the information provided by the reference.
3. List of previous contracts or projects that demonstrate depth of experience in the Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement areas identified in Section 5.5. Including description, scope, project cost, and owner's contact information.
4. Awards and letters of commendation received

Tab F. Credentials of the Project Team:

Credentials of the project team, including project manager(s) and major Subconsultants' portfolio of related projects and a history of the proposed team working together on past projects. The entire project team will be evaluated. Clearly identify the people who will be involved, what they will do, and their specific experience in that role. Be precise about the division of responsibility among member firms.

Include as a minimum:

1. Provide an organizational chart or staffing plan showing the "chain of command" of the proposed project team, including individuals responsible for Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement, proposed on the Offeror's team. Identify major functions to be performed and their reporting relationships in managing the Project. Identify all Subconsultants on the organization chart.
2. Project Manager(s) resume and portfolio of related projects:
Offer may provide the resume of a single project manager covering all Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement areas. Resumes for all identified Project Manager(s) showing ten (10) years of experience focusing on the Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement area that demonstrate considerable experience comparable to the requirements contained in Section 5.0
 - Project Portfolio: Submit written description of no more than three (3) projects completed within the past ten (10) years attributed to the Project Manager that are comparable to the requirements contained in Section 5.0. Narratives shall discuss the challenges associated with the project and resolutions as well as the impact/results of the project for the community. Identify areas of responsibility for projects in portfolio. Portfolio is a list of projects, separate from the resume, demonstrating the Project Manager's experience on managing projects similar to the RFP Scope of Services.
3. Resumes of key team members that include recent relevant experience with the subject matter of Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement, their role in the project, education and licenses and certifications.
4. Identify proposed project team's previous experience working together as a team to include a list of previous projects with proposed Subconsultants
5. Subconsultant's portfolio of projects related to the Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement area.

Tab G. Understanding of Contract as Depicted in the Proposal:

1. Provide a statement of key issues and challenges in managing projects under task order contracts and describe your understanding of the task order process depicted in this proposal and the Consultant's responsibilities.
2. Provide a detailed description of understanding for Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement area to include an understanding of the scope of work that would be needed for each of the tasks, along with an explanation of technical approaches and a general outline of a program for executing the requirements of that scope in order to achieve project objectives

Tab H. Quality Control/Quality Assurance (QA/QC):

The offeror must present a description of their strategy and methodology in implementing and maintaining a Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) plan. This description should include detailed information concerning how data, plans, correspondence, and other submittals are checked for accuracy and what measures the offeror has in place to continuously maintain a high level of QA/QC throughout a project and throughout the length of this contract.

Tab I. Management of the Project:

1. Identify primary work location (City/town and State) of all team members identified in the proposal.
2. Acknowledgement and understanding of required response times as set forth in Section 8.24 of this RFP

Tab J. Overall quality and completeness of proposal (and interview, if short listed):

Proposals will be reviewed for: completeness, attention to detail, clarity, organization and appearance. Two (2) sided printing is preferred.

6.4 Evaluation Process

The PAG will review and evaluate each proposal and selection will be made on the basis of the criteria listed below and as more particularly described in Section 6.3.

- A. Project Management and technical expertise. **(25 points)**
- B. Credentials of project team. **(25 points)**
- C. Understanding of Contract as depicted in the proposal **(25 Points)**
- D. Quality Assurance/Quality Control **(15 Points)**
- E. Management of the Project. **(5 points)**
- F. Overall quality and completeness of proposal. **(5 points)**

Once the PAG has read and evaluated each proposal, a composite preliminary rating will be developed which indicates the group's collective ranking of the highest rated proposals in a descending order. The preliminary rating will be used to select the

offerors for further consideration—the short-list. Thereafter, the PAG will conduct interviews and have discussions with only the short-listed firms.

6.5 Negotiations with the Top Ranked Offerors.

- A. After the interviews and discussions are completed, the PAG will finalize the rankings and select the top ranked firms, the Notice of Final Ranking.
- B. Final negotiations with the top-ranked offerors will begin with terms and conditions.

The Agreement for Service (“Contract” or “Agreement”) with the successful offeror will contain the terms and Conditions from Section 8.0 of the RFP. If the Top Ranked Offeror intends to take exception to these Terms and Conditions or propose additional or alternative language, they must:

- (1) Identify with specificity the Terms and Conditions to which they take exception to or seek to amend or replace and provide their additional or alternate terms and conditions to the County within five (5) business days after being notified by of being the Top Ranked Offeror, the Notice of Final Ranking;
 - (2) Failure to both identify with specificity those terms and conditions the Top Ranked Offeror takes exception to or seeks to amend or replace as well as to provide Offeror’s additional or alternate terms and conditions may result in termination of negotiations.
 - (3) While the County may accept additional or different language if so provided during negotiations, the Terms and Conditions marked with an asterisk (*) in Section 8.0 of the RFP, are mandatory and non-negotiable.
- C. Final negotiations with the top ranked offerors for a binding fee/rate schedule. The County **IS NOT** requesting Cost proposals at the present time. County will request a Cost proposal under separate cover from the top ranked offeror(s) at a later date. The specific cost proposal format will be provided to the top-rated offeror(s) at the time the request is made. The County reserves the right to require that Cost proposals be submitted by a specified deadline. The County may reject any Cost proposals that are submitted after the designated date and time.
 - D. If a contract containing both terms and conditions acceptable to the County and rates considered fair and reasonable by the County cannot be negotiated, negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations will be conducted with the next-ranked offeror, and so on. The PAG will conduct all subsequent negotiations and will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for the resulting contract award. The rankings shall remain confidential until after the Contract award.

7.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

7.1 Preparation and Submission of Proposals

- A. Before submitting a proposal, read the ENTIRE solicitation including the Contract Terms and Conditions. Failure to read any part of this solicitation will not relieve an offeror of the Contractual obligations.
- B. All proposals must be submitted to the Division of Procurement in a sealed container. The face of the sealed container shall indicate the RFP number, time and date of opening and the title of the RFP as well as "Division of Procurement".
- C. All proposals shall be signed in ink by the individual or authorized principals of the firm.
- D. All attachments to the RFP requiring execution by the offeror are to be returned with the proposal.
- E. Proposals must be received by the Division of Procurement prior to 4:00 p.m., local Atomic time on date identified on the cover of this RFP. The time can be verified by visiting <http://www.time.gov> and selecting Eastern Time. Requests for extensions of this time and date will not be granted, unless deemed to be in the County's best interest. Offerors mailing their proposals or using a private carrier shall allow for sufficient mail time to ensure receipt of their proposals by the Division of Procurement by the time and date fixed for acceptance of the proposals. Do not rely on overnight delivery capabilities of private carriers to guarantee timely delivery of proposals. Proposals or unsolicited amendments to proposals received by the County after the acceptance date and time will not be considered.
- F. Proposals may be submitted via:

US Mail to:

County of Loudoun, Virginia
Division of Procurement
PO Box 7000
Leesburg, Virginia 20177-7000

OR

Hand delivered to:

County of Loudoun, Virginia
Division of Procurement
1 Harrison Street, S.E., **1st Floor,**
Drop Box: Procurement Bids and Proposals
Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

OR

Private carrier (UPS/FedEx) to:

County of Loudoun, Virginia
Division of Procurement
1 Harrison Street, S.E.,

ATTN: PROCUREMENT BIDS & PROPOSALS

Leesburg, Virginia 20175

Faxed and e-mailed proposals will not be accepted. (Please note: Offerors choosing to submit proposals via US Mail or UPS/FedEx should allow *at least* an additional twenty-four (24) hours in the delivery process to ensure proposals are received on time).

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THIS LOCATION PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M. on the Acceptance Date of the proposal in order to be considered. Proposals will not be accepted at any other building locations or after 4:00 P.M. Failure by an offeror to address and label their proposal in accordance with the requirements of this section may result in proposal being delivered to an incorrect location which will ultimately result in proposal rejection for late submission.

- G. Each offeror shall submit one (1) original hard copy and one (1) electronic copy (in searchable pdf format) on a USB flash drive of their proposal to the County's Division of Procurement as described herein.

7.2 Questions and Inquiries

Questions and inquiries, both oral and written, will be accepted from any and all offerors. However, when requested, complex oral questions shall be submitted in writing. The Division of Procurement is the sole point of contact for this solicitation unless otherwise instructed herein. Unauthorized contact with other Loudoun County staff regarding the RFP may result in the disqualification of the offeror. Inquiries pertaining to the RFP must give the RFP number, time and date of opening and the title of the RFP. Material questions will be answered in writing with an Addendum provided, however, that all questions are received **by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 16, 2023**. It is the responsibility of all offerors to ensure that they have received all Addendums and to include signed copies with their proposal. Addendums can be downloaded from www.loudoun.gov/procurement.

7.3 Addendum and Supplement to Request

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this request or if additional data are necessary to enable an exact interpretation of provisions of this request, an Addendum will be issued. It is the responsibility of the offeror to ensure that he has received all Addenda prior to submitting a proposal. Addendums can be downloaded from www.loudoun.gov/procurement.

7.4 Proprietary Information

Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an offeror in connection with this solicitation shall not be subject to disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; however, **pursuant to § 2.2-4342 of the Code of Virginia, the offeror must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials, and must clearly identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. Failure to abide by this procedure may result in disclosure of the**

offeror's information. Offerors shall not mark sections of their proposal as proprietary if they are to be part of the award of the contract and are of a "Material" nature.

7.5 Authority to Bind Firm in Contract

Proposals MUST give the full firm name and address of offeror. Failure to manually sign proposal may disqualify it. Person signing proposal should show TITLE or AUTHORITY TO BIND THE FIRM IN A CONTRACT. Firm name and authorized signature must appear on the proposal in the space provided on the Pricing Page. Those authorized to sign are as follows:

If a sole proprietorship, the owner may sign.

If a general partnership, any general partner may sign.

If a limited partnership, a general partner must sign.

If a limited liability company, a "member" may sign, or "manager" must sign if so specified by the Articles of Organization.

If a regular corporation, the CEO, President or Vice-President must sign.

Others may be granted authority to sign but the County requires that a corporate document authorizing him/her to sign be submitted with proposal.

7.6 Withdrawal of Proposals

A. All proposals submitted shall be valid for a minimum period of ninety (90) calendar days following the date established for acceptance.

B. Proposals may be withdrawn on written request from the offeror at the address shown in the solicitation prior to the time of acceptance.

C. Negligence on the part of the offeror in preparing the proposal confers no right of withdrawal after the time fixed for the acceptance of the proposals.

7.7 County Furnished Support/Items

The level of support required from County personnel for the completion of each task shall be estimated by position and man days.

The offeror shall indicate the necessary telephones, office space and materials the offeror requires. The County may furnish these facilities if the County considers them reasonable, necessary, and available for the offeror to complete its task.

7.8 Subconsultants

Offerors shall include a list of all Subconsultants with their proposal. Proposals shall also include a statement of the Subconsultants' qualifications. The County reserves the right to reject the successful offeror's selection of Subconsultants for good cause. If a subconsultant is rejected, the offeror may replace that subconsultant with another subconsultant subject to the approval of the County. Any such replacement shall be at no additional expense to the County, nor shall it result in an extension of time without the County's approval.

7.9 Quantities

Intentionally deleted.

7.10 Late Proposals

LATE proposals will be returned to offeror UNOPENED, if the RFP number, acceptance date and offeror's return address is shown on the container.

7.11 Rights of County

The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive informalities, and award the contract to best serve the interest of the County. Informality shall mean a minor defect or variation of a proposal from the exact requirements of the Request for Proposal which does not affect the price, quality, quantity, or delivery schedule for the goods, services or construction being procured.

7.12 Prohibition as Subconsultants

No offeror who is permitted to withdraw a proposal shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor to or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn proposal was submitted.

7.13 Deviations from Scope of Services

If there is any deviation from that prescribed in the Scope of Services, that deviation shall be clearly identified on the offeror's proposal. The County reserves the right to determine the responsiveness of any deviation.

7.14 Notice of Award

A Notice of Award will be posted on the County's web site (www.loudoun.gov).

7.15 Protest

Offerors may refer to §§ 2.2-4357 through 2.2-4364 of the Code of Virginia to determine their remedies concerning this competitive process. Protests shall be submitted to the Director, Management and Financial Services.

7.16 Miscellaneous Requirements

- A. The County will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by an offeror in preparing and submitting a proposal. All proposals shall provide a straight-forward, concise delineation of the offeror's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this request. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content.
- B. Offerors who submit a proposal in response to this RFP may be required to make an oral presentation of their proposal. The Division of Procurement will schedule the time and location for this presentation.
- C. The contents of the proposal submitted by the successful offeror as well as this RFP will become part of any contract awarded as a result of the Scope of Services contained herein. The successful offeror will be expected to sign a contract with the County.
- D. The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received by reason of this request, or to negotiate separately in any manner necessary to

serve the best interests of the County. Offerors whose proposals are not accepted will be notified in writing.

7.17 Debarment

By submitting a proposal, the offeror is certifying that he is not currently debarred by the County, or in the case of a procurement involving federal funds, by the Federal Government. A copy of the County's debarment procedure in accordance with Section 2.2-4321 of the Code of Virginia is available upon request.

7.18 Proof of Authority to Transact Business in Virginia

An offeror organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia shall include in its bid or proposal the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission. Any offeror that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law shall include in its bid or proposal a statement describing why the offeror is not required to be so authorized. Any offeror described herein that fails to provide the required information shall not receive an award unless a waiver of this requirement and the administrative policies and procedures established to implement this section is granted by the Purchasing Agent or his designee. The SCC may be reached at (804) 371-9733 or at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/default.aspx>.

7.19 W-9 Form Required

Each offeror shall submit a completed W-9 form with their proposal. In the event of contract award, this information is required in order to issue purchase orders and payments to your firm. A copy of this form can be downloaded from <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.

7.20 Insurance Coverage

Offerors shall include with their proposal a copy of their current Certificate of Insurance that illustrates the current level of coverage the offeror carries. The Certificate can be a current file copy and does not need to include any "additional insured" language for the County.

7.21 Legal Action

No bidder or potential bidder shall institute any legal action until all statutory requirements have been met.

7.22 Certification by Consultant as to Felony Convictions

No one with a felony conviction may be employed under this Contract and by the signature of its authorized official on the response to this Solicitation, the Consultant certifies that neither the contracting official nor any of the Consultant's employees, agents or Subconsultants who will work under this Agreement have been convicted of a felony.

8.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

While the County may accept additional or different language if so provided during negotiations, the Terms and Conditions marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and non-negotiable.

8.1 Procedures

The extent and character of the services to be performed by the Consultant shall be subject to the general control and approval of the Director of the department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure and their authorized representative(s). The Consultant shall not comply with requests and/or orders issued by other than the Director of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure and their authorized representative(s) acting within their authority for the County. Any change to the Contract must be approved in writing by the Purchasing Agent and the Consultant.

8.2 Delays and Delivery Failures

Time is of the essence. The Consultant must keep the County advised at all times of the status of parties' agreement. If delay is foreseen, the Consultant shall give immediate written notice to the Division of Procurement. Should the Consultant fail to deliver the proper item(s)/service(s) at the time and place(s) contracted for, or within a reasonable period of time thereafter as agreed to in writing by the Division of Procurement, or should the Consultant fail to make a timely replacement of rejected items/services when so required, the County may purchase items/services of comparable quality and quantity in the open market to replace the undelivered or rejected items/services. The Consultant shall reimburse the County for all costs in excess of the Agreement price when purchases are made in the open market; or, in the event that there is a balance the County owes to the Consultant from prior transactions, an amount equal to the additional expense incurred by the County as a result of the Consultant's nonperformance shall be deducted from the balance as payment.

8.3 County Reserved Rights

The County reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to issue Requests for Proposal for similar work and other projects as the need may occur. The County also reserves the right to issue Purchase Orders, and to expand or otherwise modify existing Purchase Orders, to other Open-End Consultants based on its sole discretion, in consideration of its knowledge and/or evaluation of each Consultant's qualifications, expertise, capabilities, performance record, current ability to perform, location and/or distance to the project, and any and all other factors as may be pertinent to the particular project and for the convenience of the County.

8.4 Safety Data Sheets

By law, the County of Loudoun will not receive any materials, products, or chemicals which may be hazardous to an employee's health unless accompanied by a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) when received. This MSDS will be reviewed by the

County, and if approved, the materials, product or chemical can be used. If the MSDS is rejected, the Consultant must identify a substitute that will meet the County's criteria for approval.

8.5 Business, Professional, and Occupational License Requirement

All firms or individuals located or doing business in Loudoun County are required to be licensed in accordance with the County's "Business, Professional, and Occupational Licensing (BPOL) Tax" Ordinance.

Wholesale and retail merchants without a business location in Loudoun County are exempt from this requirement. Questions concerning the BPOL Tax should be directed to the Office of Commissioner of Revenue, telephone (703) 777-0260.

8.6 Payment of Taxes

All Consultants located or owning property in Loudoun County shall assure that all real and personal property taxes are paid.

The County will verify payment of all real and personal property taxes by the Consultant prior to the award of any Contract or Contract renewal.

8.7 Insurance

- A. The Consultant shall be responsible for its work and every part thereof, and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and property of any and all description used in connection therewith. The Consultant assumes all risk of direct and indirect damage or injury to the property or persons used or employed on or in connection with the work contracted for, and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission, or operation under the Contract.
- B. The Consultant and all Subconsultants shall, during the continuance of the work under the Contract, provide the following:
 1. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability to protect the Consultant from any liability or damages for any injuries (including death and disability) to any and all of its employees, including any and all liability or damage which may arise by virtue of any statute or law in force within the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 2. Comprehensive General Liability insurance to protect the Consultant, and the interest of the County, its officers, employees, and agents against any and all injuries to third parties, including bodily injury and personal injury, wherever located, resulting from any action or operation under the Contract or in connection with the contracted work. The General Liability insurance shall also include the Broad Form Property Damage endorsement, in addition to coverage for explosion, collapse, and underground hazards, where required.
 3. Automobile Liability insurance, covering all owned, non-owned, borrowed, leased, or rented vehicles operated by the Consultant.
 4. Professional Liability against any and all wrongful acts, errors, or omissions on the part of the Consultant resulting from any action or

operation under the Contract or in connection with the contracted work.

- C. The Consultant agrees to provide the above referenced policies with the following limits. Liability insurance limits may be arranged by General, Automobile and Professional Liability policies for the full limits required, or by a combination of underlying policies for lesser limits with the remaining limits provided by an Excess or Umbrella Liability policy.

1. Workers' Compensation:

Coverage A:	Statutory
Coverage B:	\$100,000

2. General Liability:

Per Occurrence:	\$1,000,000
Personal/Advertising Injury:	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate:	\$2,000,000
Products/Completed Operations:	\$2,000,000
Fire Damage Legal Liability:	\$100,000

GL Coverage, excluding Products and Completed Operations, should be on a Per Project Basis

3. Automobile Liability:

Combined Single Limit:	\$1,000,000
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4. Professional Liability

Per Occurrence:	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate:	\$1,000,000

- D. The following provisions shall be agreed to by the Consultant:

1. No change, cancellation, or non-renewal shall be made in any insurance coverage without a forty-five (45) day written notice to the County. The Consultant shall furnish a new certificate prior to any change or cancellation date. The failure of the Consultant to deliver a new and valid certificate will result in suspension of all payments until the new certificate is furnished.

2. Liability Insurance "Claims Made" basis:

If the liability insurance purchased by the Consultant has been issued on a "claims made" basis, the Consultant must comply with the following additional conditions. The limits of liability and the extensions to be included as described previously in these provisions remain the same. The Consultant must either:

- a. Agree to provide, prior to commencing work under the Contract, certificates of insurance evidencing the above coverage for a

period of two (2) years after final payment for the Contract for General Liability policies and five (5) years for Professional Liability policies. This certificate shall evidence a "retroactive date" no later than the beginning of the Consultant's work under this Contract, or

- b. Purchase the extended reporting period endorsement for the policy or policies in force during the term of this Contract and evidence the purchase of this extended reporting period endorsement by means of a certificate of insurance or a copy of the endorsement itself.
3. The Consultant must disclose the amount of deductible/self-insured retention applicable to the General Liability, Automobile Liability and Professional Liability policies, if any. The County reserves the right to request additional information to determine if the Consultant has the financial capacity to meet its obligations under a deductible/self-insured plan. If this provision is utilized, the Consultant will be permitted to provide evidence of its ability to fund the deductible/self-insured retention.
4.
 - a. The Consultant agrees to provide insurance issued by companies admitted within the Commonwealth of Virginia, with the Best's Key Rating of at least A:VII.
 - b. European markets including those based in London, and the domestic surplus lines market that operate on a non-admitted basis are exempt from this requirement provided that the Consultant's broker can provide financial data to establish that a market's policyholder surpluses are equal to or exceed the surpluses that correspond to Best's A:VII Rating.
5.
 - a. The Consultant will provide an original signed Certificate of Insurance and such endorsements as prescribed herein.
 - b. The Consultant will provide on request certified copies of all insurance coverage related to the Contract within ten (10) business days of request by the County. These certified copies will be sent to the County from the Consultant's insurance agent or representative. Any request made under this provision shall be deemed confidential and proprietary.
 - c. Any certificates provided shall indicate the Contract name and number.
6. The County, its officers and employees shall be Endorsed to the Consultant's Automobile and General Liability policies as an "additional insured" with the provision that this coverage "is primary to all other coverage the County may possess." (Use "loss payee" where there is an insurable interest). A Certificate of Insurance evidencing the additional insured status must be presented to the County along with a copy of the Endorsement.

7. Compliance by the Consultant with the foregoing requirements as to carrying insurance shall not relieve the Consultant of their liabilities provisions of the Contract.
- E. Contractual and other Liability insurance provided under this Contract shall not contain a supervision, inspection or engineering services exclusion that would preclude the County from supervising and/or inspecting the project as to the end result. The Consultant shall assume all on-the-job responsibilities as to the control of persons directly employed by it.
- F. Precaution shall be exercised at all times for the protection of Persons (including employees) and property.
- G. The Consultant is to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Public Law 91-956, as it may apply to this Contract.
- H. Any loss insured under subparagraph 8.10.B.4 is to be adjusted with the County and made payable to the County as trustee for the requirements of any applicable mortgagee clause.
- I. If an "ACORD" Insurance Certificate form is used by the Consultant's insurance agent, the words "endeavor to" and ". . . but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company" in the "Cancellation" paragraph of the form shall be deleted.
- J. The Consultant agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, and agents.

8.8 Hold Harmless

The Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, including its officials and employees, from all liability, losses, costs, damages, claims, causes of action, suits of any nature (specifically including reasonable attorney's fees and defense costs incurred with the defense of third party claims) incidental to or brought as a consequence of any act, error, omission, or breach of the applicable professional standard of care by the Consultant and/or its Subconsultants . The Consultant agrees that this clause shall include, but is not limited to, claims involving infringement of patent or copyright. This section shall survive completion of the Contract. The County is prohibited from indemnifying Consultant and/or any other third parties.

8.9 Safety

All Consultants and Subconsultants performing services for the County are required and shall comply with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), State and County Safety and Occupational Health Standards and any other applicable rules and regulations. Also, all Consultants and Subconsultants shall be held responsible for the safety of their employees and any unsafe acts or conditions that may cause injury or damage to any persons or property within and around the work site area under this Contract.

8.10 Notice of Required Disability Legislation Compliance *

The County is required to comply with state and federal disability legislation: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for 1990 Title II and The Virginians with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Specifically, the County may not, through its contractual and/or financial arrangements, directly or indirectly avoid compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336, which prohibits discrimination by public entities on the basis of disability. Subtitle A protects qualified individuals with disability from discrimination on the basis of disability in the services, programs, or activities of all State and local governments. It extends the prohibition of discrimination in federally assisted programs established by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504 to all activities of state and local governments, including those that do not receive Federal financial assistance, and incorporates specific prohibitions of discrimination on the basis of disability in Titles I, III, and V of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Virginians with Disabilities Act of 1990 follows the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504.

8.11 Ethics in Public Contracting *

The provisions contained in §§ 2.2-4367 through 2.2-4377 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act as set forth in the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, shall be applicable to all Contracts solicited or entered into by the County. A copy of these provisions may be obtained from the Purchasing Agent upon request.

The above-stated provisions supplement, but do not supersede, other provisions of law including, but not limited to, the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ 2.2-3100 et seq.), the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (§ 18.2-498.1 et seq.) and Articles 2 and 3 of Chapter 10 of Title 18.2. The provisions apply notwithstanding the fact that the conduct described may not constitute a violation of the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act.

8.12 Employment Discrimination by Consultants Prohibited *

Every Contract of over \$10,000 shall include the following provisions:

- A. During the performance of this Contract, the Consultant agrees as follows:
1. The Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, status as a service-disabled veteran, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Consultant. The Consultant agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 2. The Consultant, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Consultant, shall state that such Consultant is an equal opportunity employer.

3. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient to meet this requirement.

B. The Consultant will include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs, 1, 2, and 3 in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subconsultant or vendor.

8.13 Drug-free Workplace *

Every Contract of over \$10,000 shall include the following provisions:

During the performance of this Contract, the Consultant agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the Consultant's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the Consultant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or behalf of the Consultant that the Consultant maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subconsultant or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific Contract awarded to a Consultant in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the Contract.

8.14 Faith-Based Organizations *

The County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.

8.15 Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 *

By entering this Contract, the Consultant certifies that it does not and will not during the performance of this Contract violate the provisions of the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which prohibits employment of illegal aliens.

8.16 Exemption from Taxes *

Pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-609.1, the County is exempt from Virginia State Sales or Use Taxes and Federal Excise Tax, therefore the Consultant shall not charge the County for Virginia State Sales or Use Taxes or Federal Excise Tax on the finished goods or products provided under the Contract. However, this exemption does not apply to the Consultant, and the Consultant shall be responsible for the payment of any sales, use, or excise tax it incurs in providing the goods required by the Contract, including, but not limited to, taxes on materials purchased by a Consultant for incorporation in or use on a construction project. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Consultant from including its own sales tax expense in connection with the Contract in its Contract price.

8.17 Ordering, Invoicing and Payment

All work requested under this Contract shall be placed on a County issued Purchase Order. The Consultant shall not accept credit card orders or payments.

The Consultant shall submit invoices, in triplicate, at the completion of tasks and submission of deliverables; such statement to include a detailed breakdown of all charges for that deliverable.

All such invoices will be paid promptly by the County unless any items thereon are questioned, in which event payment will be withheld pending verification of the amount claimed and the validity of the claim. The Consultant shall provide complete cooperation during any such investigation.

Invoices shall be submitted to:

County of Loudoun, Virginia
Department of Transportation & Capital Infrastructure
Attn: Project Manager
101 Blue Seal Drive, Suite 101
Leesburg, VA 20177

Individual Consultants shall provide their social security numbers, and proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations shall provide their federal employer identification number on the pricing form.

8.18 Payments to Subconsultants *

Within seven (7) days after receipt of amounts paid by the County for work performed by a subconsultant under this Contract, the Consultant shall either:

- A. Pay the subconsultant for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the County attributable to the work performed by the subconsultant under this Contract; or
- B. Notify the County and subconsultant, in writing, of his intention to withhold all or a part of the subconsultant's payment and the reason for non-payment.

The Consultant shall pay interest to the subconsultant on all amounts owed that remain unpaid beyond the seven (7) day period except for amounts withheld as allowed in item B. above.

Unless otherwise provided under the terms of this Contract, interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month.

The Consultant shall include in each of its subcontracts a provision requiring each subconsultant to include or otherwise be subject to the same payment and interest requirements as set forth above with respect to each lower tier subconsultant.

The Consultant's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subconsultant pursuant to this provision may not be construed to be an obligation of the County.

8.19 Substitutions

NO substitutions, additions or cancellations, including those of key personnel, are permitted after award without written approval by the Division of Procurement. Where specific employees are proposed by the Consultant for the work, those employees

shall perform the work as long as that employee works for the Consultant, either as an employee or subconsultant, unless the County agrees to the substitution. Requests for substitutions shall be reviewed and may be approved by the County in its reasonable discretion.

8.20 Assignment *

The Agreement may not be assigned in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the Division of Procurement. The rights and obligations of the Consultant are personal and may be performed only by the Consultant. Any purported assignment that does not comply with this provision is void. This Agreement is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

8.21 Termination

Subject to the provisions below, the Contract may be terminated by the County upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party; but if any work or service hereunder is in progress, but not completed as of the date of termination, then the Contract may be extended upon written approval of the County until said work or services are completed and accepted.

A. Termination for Convenience

The County may terminate this Contract for convenience at any time in which the case the parties shall negotiate reasonable termination costs.

B. Termination for Cause

In the event of Termination for Cause, the thirty (30) days advance notice is waived, and the Consultant shall not be entitled to termination costs.

C. Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years

If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of the performance of this Contract in a subsequent fiscal year, then the Contract shall be canceled and, to the extent permitted by law, the Consultant shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the supplies or services delivered under the Contract.

8.22 Contractual Disputes *

The Consultant shall give written notice to the Purchasing Agent of his intent to file a claim for money or other relief within ten (10) calendar days of the occurrence giving rise to the claim or at the beginning of the work upon which the claim is to be based, whichever is earlier.

The Consultant shall submit its invoice for final payment within thirty (30) days after completion or delivery.

The claim, with supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Purchasing Agent by US Mail, return receipt requested, courier, or overnight delivery service, no later than sixty (60) days after final payment. If the claim is not disposed of by agreement, the Purchasing Agent shall reduce his/her decision to writing and mail via U.S. mail or

otherwise forward a copy thereof to the Consultant within thirty (30) days of the County's receipt of the claim.

The Purchasing Agent's decision shall be final unless the Consultant appeals within thirty (30) days by submitting a written letter of appeal to the County Administrator, or his designee. The County Administrator shall render a decision within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal.

No Consultant shall institute any legal action until all statutory requirements have been met. Each party shall bear its own costs and expenses resulting from any litigation, including attorney's fees.

8.23 Consultant Responsibilities

The Consultant(s) shall be responsible for completely supervising and directing the work under the Contract(s) and all Subconsultants that they may utilize. Subconsultants who perform work under the Contract shall be responsible to the prime Consultant. The Consultant agrees to be fully responsible for the acts and omissions of their Subconsultants and of people employed by them.

8.24 Cost Proposals/Response Time

A. The County will notify the Consultant when work is required. The Consultant shall respond to the County within forty-eight (48) hours after notification. The County will then schedule a meeting with the Consultant and the proper County representatives to discuss the work required. Based upon those discussions, the Consultant shall submit to the County a lump sum cost proposal to perform the work based upon their fixed hourly rates contained in the Contract. The estimate shall contain the estimated number of hours broken out by category of service, Consultant hourly rates for each category, a narrative describing work to be performed, estimated time for completion and all non-labor related costs. All costs to complete the task must be identified in the cost proposal including those costs typically considered to be "reimbursable". No project costs are to be left out of the task order cost proposal. After review and acceptance of the proposal, the County will issue a purchase order to perform the work. The proposals shall be prepared at no cost to the County. Subconsultant mark-ups shall not exceed ten-percent (10%).

When the scope of services involves work of such nature that the Consultant cannot reasonably estimate the time which would be required to provide the services, the County may agree to an Hourly Rate Purchase Order based on the actual hours worked times the hourly rates indicated in the Consultant's binding fee schedule and other approved expenses. A maximum Purchase Order fee or cost not to exceed limitation shall be agreed upon for Hourly Rate Purchase Orders. When an Hourly Rate Purchase Order is used, the Consultant shall submit detailed time records, documentation for other expenses, and such other evidence as the County may require supporting its billing request.

B. For services required by the County that are not specifically identified in the Contract Labor Categories but covered under the Scope of Services, the

Consultant shall submit to the County project manager, in the task order cost proposal, detailed costs for these services and tests. Any additional labor categories and fixed hourly rates developed apply only to the specific task order unless added to the contract by amendment.

- C. Emergency Response: In the event of a catastrophic event or other condition where the County Administrator has declared an emergency and there exists a need to use professional engineering services to assist in resolving the emergency, the Consultant shall respond within two (2) hours of notification.
- D. Travel expenses, not including to and from the job site, must be included in the task order cost proposal if required and will be based upon the current Loudoun County per diem rates.

8.25 Ownership of Documents

Any reports, specifications, blueprints, negatives or other documents prepared by the Consultant in the performance of its obligations under the Contract shall be the exclusive property of the County, and all such materials shall be returned to the owner upon completion, termination, or cancellation of this Contract. The Consultant shall not use, willingly allow, or cause such materials to be used for any purpose other than performance of all Consultant's obligations under the Contract without the prior written consent of the County. Documents and materials developed by the Consultant under the Contract shall be the property of the County; however, the Consultant may retain file copies, which cannot be used without prior written consent of the Owner. the County agrees that the Consultant shall not be liable for any damage, loss, or injury resulting from the future use of the provided documents for other than the project specified, when the Consultant is not the firm of record.

8.26 Submissions

All project correspondence, design/review documents, reports, etc. prepared by the Consultant shall be distributed to the County's Project Manager for each task in the format and number of copies as directed by the task statement of work.

Within thirty (30) days of project completion, the Consultant shall prepare and submit a Project Completion Report with project closeout documents and submit to the County's Project Manager.

8.27 Responsibility for Claims and Liabilities

The County's review, approval, or acceptance of, or payment for, any services required shall not be construed to operate as a waiver by the County of any rights or of any cause of action arising out the Contract. The Consultant shall be and remains liable to the County for the accuracy and competency of plans, specifications, or other documents or work and Consultant is responsible for to the County for any costs incurred resulting from any errors, acts or omissions in the performance of any services furnished.

8.28 Severability *

In the event that any provision shall be adjudged or decreed to be invalid, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not invalidate the entire Agreement but shall

pertain only to the provision in question and the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid, binding and in full force and effect.

8.29 Governing Law/Forum

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in all respects by its terms and by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Any judicial action shall be filed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Loudoun or if jurisdiction exists, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria. Consultant expressly waives any objection to venue or jurisdiction of the Loudoun County Circuit Court, Loudoun County, Virginia. Consultant expressly consents to waiver of service of process in an action pending in the Loudoun County Circuit Court pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-286.1.

8.30 Notices

All notices and other communications made pursuant to the Contract Documents and not required to be made through e-Builder shall be deemed to have been given when made in writing and either (a) delivered in person, (b) delivered to an agent, such as an overnight or similar delivery service, or (c) deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered, addressed as follows:

TO CONTRACTOR:

TO COUNTY:

County of Loudoun, Virginia
Division of Procurement
P.O. Box 7000
1 Harrison Street, S.E.
Leesburg, VA 20177

If sent via (a) or (b)
County of Loudoun Virginia
Division of Procurement
ATTN: Purchasing Agent
1 Harrison Street, S. E.
Leesburg, VA 20177

If sent via (c)
County of Loudoun, Virginia
Division of Procurement
PO Box 7000
Leesburg, VA 20177

Notices shall be deemed received (i) if hand delivered, when received, (ii) if given by facsimile, when transmitted to the facsimile number specified above during normal business hours and confirmation of complete receipt is received during normal business hours (provided a copy of the same is sent by overnight delivery service on the same day), (iii) if given by overnight delivery service, the first business day after being sent prepaid by such overnight delivery service, or (iv) if given by

certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, two (2) days after posting with the United States Postal Service. Either party may change its address by notifying the other party in a manner described above.

Due to security restrictions, public access to County facilities is extremely limited. The mailing or delivery by an agent of notice is preferred. However, if a notice is hand delivered, it will be received in the lobby of 1 Harrison Street, SE, Leesburg, Virginia 20175 ONLY in the Drop Box labeled: Procurement Bids and Proposals between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

8.31 Licensure

To the extent required by the Commonwealth of Virginia (see e.g. 54.1-1100 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia) or the County, the Consultant shall be duly licensed to perform the services required to be delivered pursuant to this Contract.

8.32 Authority to Transact Business in Virginia *

A Consultant organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law. Any business entity described herein that enters into a Contract with the County pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act 2.2-4300 *et seq.* shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia, to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the term of the Contract. The County may void any Contract with a business entity if the business entity fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section.

8.33 Counterparts

This Contract and any amendments or renewals hereto may be executed in a number of counterparts, and each counterpart signature, when taken with the other counterpart signatures, is treated as if executed upon one original of this Contract or any amendment or renewal. A signature by any party to this Contract provided by facsimile or electronic mail is binding upon that party as if it were the original.

8.34 No Smoking

Smoking in all County buildings is prohibited. The County may designate a smoking area outside County facilities. Consultant shall only use those designated smoking areas. Certain County facilities, both inside and outside, may be entirely smoke free. Consultant shall inquire of the Contract Administrator or designee if a facility is entirely smoke free. Failure to adhere to the County's no smoking policies may lead to removal of Consultant employees and possible Contract termination.

8.35 Confidentiality

A. Consultant Confidentiality

The Consultant acknowledges and understands that its employees may have access to proprietary, business information, or other confidential information belonging to the County. Therefore, except as required by law, the Consultant agrees that its employees will not:

1. Access or attempt to access data that is unrelated to their job duties or authorizations as related to this Agreement.
2. Access or attempt to access information beyond their stated authorization.
3. Disclose to any other person or allow any other person access to any information related to the County or any of its facilities or any other user of this Agreement that is proprietary or confidential. Disclosure of information includes, but is not limited to, verbal discussions, FAX transmissions, electronic mail messages, voice mail communication, written documentation, "loaning" computer access codes and/or another transmission or sharing of data.

The Consultant understands that the County, or others may suffer irreparable harm by disclosure of proprietary or confidential information and that the County may seek legal remedies available to it should such disclosure occur. Further, the Consultant understands that violations of this provision may result in termination of the Agreement.

The Consultant understands that information and data obtained during the performance of this agreement shall be considered confidential, during and following the term of this Agreement, and will not be divulged without the Purchasing Agent's written consent and then only in strict accordance with prevailing laws. The Consultant shall hold all information provided by the County as proprietary and confidential and shall make no unauthorized reproduction or distribution of such material.

B. County Confidentiality

The County understands that certain information provided by the Consultant during the performance of this Agreement may also contain confidential or proprietary information. Consultant acknowledges that this Contract and public records (as defined by §2.2-3701 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act) provided pursuant to this Contract are subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act §§2.2-3700 et seq. and the Virginia Public Procurement Act §2.2-4342 of the Code of Virginia.

8.36 Force Majeure

A party is not liable for failure to perform the party's obligations if such failure is as a result of Acts of God (including fire, flood, earthquake, storm, hurricane or other natural disaster), war, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (regardless of whether war is declared), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation, terrorist activities, nationalization, government sanction, blockage, embargo, strikes at national level or industrial disputes at a national level, or strike or industrial disputes by labor not employed by the affected party, its Subconsultants or its suppliers and which affect an essential portion of the

contracted for works but excluding any industrial dispute which is specific to the performance of the works or this contract, interruption or failure of electricity or telephone service.

If a party asserts Force Majeure as an excuse for failure to perform the party's obligation, that party must immediately notify the other party giving full particulars of the event of force majeure and the reasons for the event of force majeure preventing that party from, or delaying that party in performing its obligations under this contract and that party must use its reasonable efforts to mitigate the effect of the event of force majeure upon its or their performance of the contract and to fulfill its or their obligations under the contract.

An event of force majeure does not relieve a party from liability for an obligation which arose before the occurrence of that event, nor does that event affect the obligation to pay money in a timely manner which matured prior to the occurrence of that event.

The Consultant has no entitlement and County has no liability for: (1) any costs, losses, expenses, damages, or the payment of any part of the contract price during an event of force majeure; and (2) any delay costs in any way incurred by the Consultant due to an event of force majeure.

8.37 Survival of Terms

Upon discharge of this Agreement, Sections (Notice, Hold Harmless, Governing Law/Forum, and Contractual Disputes) of these Terms and Conditions continue and survive in full force and effect.

8.38 Non-Waiver

No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other provision nor shall any waiver of this Agreement constitute a continuing waiver unless otherwise expressly provided.

8.39 Audits:

- A. The Consultant shall maintain books, records and documents of all costs and data in support of the services provided. Loudoun County or its authorized representative shall have the right to audit the books, records and documents of the Consultant under the following conditions:
1. If the contract is terminated for any reason in accordance with the provisions of these contract documents in order to arrive at equitable termination costs;
 2. In the event of a disagreement between the Consultant and the County on the amount due the Consultant under the terms of this contract.
 3. If required due to the use of Federal funds.
 4. To check or substantiate any amounts invoiced or paid which are required to reflect the costs of services, or the Consultant's efficiency or effectiveness under this contract; and,
 5. If it becomes necessary to determine the County's rights and the Consultant's obligations under the contract or to ascertain facts

relative to any claim against the Consultant that may result in a charge against the County.

- B. These provisions for an audit shall give Loudoun County unlimited access during normal working hours to the Consultant's books and records under the conditions stated above.
- C. Unless otherwise provided by applicable statute, the consultant, from the effective date of final payment or termination hereunder, shall preserve and make available to Loudoun County for a period of three (3) years thereafter, at all reasonable times at the office of the Consultant but without direct charge to the County, all its books, records documents and other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the services relating to the work hereunder.
- D. Loudoun County's right to audit and the preservation of records shall terminate at the end of three (3) years as stated herein. The Consultant shall include this "Right of Audit and Preservation of Records" clause in all subcontracts issued by it and they shall require same to be inserted by all lower tier Subconsultants in their subcontracts, for any portion of the work.
- E. Should the Consultant fail to include this clause in any such contract or lower tier contract, or otherwise fail to insure Loudoun County's rights hereunder, the Consultant shall be liable to Loudoun County for all reasonable costs, expenses, and attorney's fees which Loudoun County may have to incur in order to obtain an audit or inspection of or the restoration of records which would have otherwise been available to Loudoun County from said persons under this clause. Such audit may be conducted by Loudoun County or its authorized representative.



Loudoun County, Virginia

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CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR TRANSIT PLANNING, ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

THE FIRM OF: _____

Address: _____

FEIN: _____

Hereby proposes to provide the requested services as defined in Request for Proposal RFQ 638797

I understand that the omission of any items listed below from this proposal may be cause for rejection of the proposal as non-responsible. I have ensured that I have received and acknowledged any and all Addenda.

A. Return the following with your proposal. If Offeror fails to provide with their proposal, items shall be provided within twenty-four (24) hours of proposal opening.

ITEM:	INCLUDED: (X)
1. W-9 Form (7.19):	_____
2. Certificate of Insurance (7.20):	_____
3. Addenda, if any (Informality) (7.2, 7.3):	_____

B. Failure to provide the following items with your proposal shall be cause for rejection of proposal as non-responsible. It is the responsibility of the offeror to ensure that it has received all addenda and to include signed copies with their proposal (7.2).

1. Addenda, if any (7.2, 7.3):	_____
2. Payment Terms:	_____ net 30 or _____ Other
3. Proof of Authority to Transact Business in Virginia Form (Page 37):	_____
4. One (1) original and One (1) USB flash drive (6.3 & 7.1G)	_____

Note: Fees are not to be included with this proposal. The County will negotiate with the highest ranked offerors to establish fixed rates.

Person to contact regarding this proposal: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Name and title of person authorized to bind the offeror (7.5):

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing and submitting a proposal, your firm acknowledges and agrees that it has read and understands the RFP documents and that your Firm is not currently Debarred by a local or state government or the Federal Government.



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PROOF OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR BID/PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM SHALL RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR BID/PROPOSAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-4311.2, a bidder/offeree organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia shall include in its bid/ proposal the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission ("SCC"). Any bidder/offeree that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law shall include in its bid or proposal a statement describing why the offeror is not required to be so authorized. Any bidder/offeree described herein that fails to provide the required information shall not receive an award unless a waiver of this requirement and the administrative policies and procedures established to implement this section is granted by the Purchasing Agent or his designee.

If this bid/proposal for goods or services is accepted by the County of Loudoun, Virginia, the undersigned agrees that the requirements of the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-4311.2 have been met.

Please complete the following by checking the appropriate line that applies and providing the requested information.

PLEASE NOTE: The SCC number is NOT your federal ID number or business license number.

A. _____ Bidder/offeree is a Virginia business entity organized and authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC and such bidder's/offeree's Identification Number issued to it by the SCC is _____.

B. _____ Bidder/offeree is an out-of-state (foreign) business entity that is authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC and such bidder's/offeree's Identification Number issued to it by the SCC is _____.

C. _____ Bidder/offeree does not have an Identification Number issued to it by the SCC and such bidder/offeree is not required to be authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC for the following reason(s):

Please attach additional sheets of paper if you need to explain why such bidder/offeree is not required to be authorized to transact business in Virginia.

Legal Name of Company (as listed on W-9)

Legal Name of Bidder/Offeree

Date

Authorized Signature

Print or Type Name and Title

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL?

RFQ 638797

Please take the time to mark the appropriate line and return with your proposal.

<input type="checkbox"/> Associated Builders & Contractors	<input type="checkbox"/> Loudoun Times Mirror
<input type="checkbox"/> Bid Net	<input type="checkbox"/> Our Web Site
<input type="checkbox"/> Builder's Exchange of Virginia	<input type="checkbox"/> NIGP
<input type="checkbox"/> Email notification from Loudoun County	<input type="checkbox"/> The Plan Room
<input type="checkbox"/> Dodge Reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Reed Construction Data
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tempos Del Mundo
<input type="checkbox"/> India This Week	<input type="checkbox"/> Valley Construction News
<input type="checkbox"/> LS Caldwell & Associates	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Business Opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/> Loudoun Co Small Business Development Center	<input type="checkbox"/> VA Dept. of Minority Business Enterprises
<input type="checkbox"/> Loudoun Co Chamber of Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> RAPID

Other _____

SERVICE RESPONSE CARD

RFQ 638797

Date of Service: _____

How did we do?

Please let us know how we did in serving you. We'd like to know if we are serving you at an acceptable level.

How would you rate the way your request for this document was handled?

Excellent Good Average Fair Poor

Did you have contact with Procurement staff?

How would you rate the manner in which you were treated by the Procurement staff?

Excellent Good Average Fair Poor

How would you rate the overall response to your request?

Excellent Good Average Fair Poor

COMMENTS:

Thank you for your response!

We can better assess our service to *you* through feedback from *you*.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____(day) _____ evening

**Please return completed form to: Tresha Taylor • Procurement •
PO Box 7000 • Leesburg, VA 20177**

October 30, 2023

NOTICE TO OFFERORS

ADDENDUM NO. 1

RFQ 638797

The following changes and/or additions shall be made to the original Request for Proposal (RFP) No. RFQ 638797, Consultant Services for Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement. Please acknowledge receipt of this addendum by signing and returning with your proposal.

The purpose of this addendum is to make the below change.

1. Section 6.2 Schedule – Delete and replace with:

The following schedule is **tentative**. The number of proposals received will determine the actual schedule.

Proposals Due	December 8, 2023
Shortlist Announcement	January 22, 2024
Interviews	February 6, 2024
Final Ranking Announcement	February 16, 2024

Prepared By: s/Farah Navder
Contracting Officer

Date: 10/30/2023

Acknowledged By: _____

Date: _____

November 30, 2023

NOTICE TO OFFERORS

ADDENDUM NO. 2

RFQ 638797

The following changes and/or additions shall be made to the original Request for Proposal (RFP) No. RFQ 638797, Consultant Services for Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement. Please acknowledge receipt of this addendum by signing and returning with your proposal.

1. The acceptance date of this bid is delayed from December 8, 2023, to prior to 4:00 p.m. on December 20, 2023, local 'Atomic' time. The deadline for questions has **not** been extended.

Prepared By: s/Farah Navder
Contracting Officer

Date: 11/30/2023

Acknowledged By: _____

Date: _____

December 12, 2023

NOTICE TO OFFERORS

ADDENDUM NO. 3

RFQ 638797

The following changes and/or additions shall be made to the original Request for Proposal (RFP) No. RFQ 638797, Consultant Services for Transit Planning, Analysis and Public Engagement. Please acknowledge receipt of this addendum by signing and returning with your proposal.

1. The purpose of this addendum is to respond to questions received

Prepared By: s/Farah Navder
Contracting Officer

Date: 12/12/2023

Acknowledged By: _____

Date: _____

Q1. Section 7.1 C. states that “*All proposals shall be signed in ink...*” Will the County accept digital e-signatures instead of ink?

A1. Digital signatures are acceptable.

Q2. Can you please expand the scope of work for Operator Training and Operations and Maintenance Training?

A2. Since our Transit Operations and Maintenance are contracted services, it is the responsibility of the contractor to train the operators and maintenance staff so this type of training will not be needed as of now for this contract period.

Q3. Is the scope of work item Intelligent Technology Solutions Comprehensive Transit Operations Analysis intended to be two separate items? Intelligent Technology Solutions and Comprehensive Transit Operations Analysis.

A3. These are meant to be two separate items.

Q4. Under Tab E, Item 1 requests three (3) detailed project descriptions while Item 3 requests a list of previous contracts, including description, scope, project cost and owner’s contact information. Are these the same?

A4. Delete Tab E, point 3.

Q5. Under Tab E, Item 2, are references requested from the subcontractors or just the Prime contractor?

A5. The offeror shall provide references that they feel are appropriate.

Q6. Can the subcontractor project descriptions/portfolio requested in Tab F, Item 5 be included in our response to Tab E, relating to requested Item 3?

A6. Refer to Answer 4.

Q7. For onboard passenger surveys, is the County envisioning an online survey only, or a combination of paper surveys + online?

A7. Onboard Passengers Surveys should be available online and on paper if requested. The surveys will need to be available in Spanish and Spanish speaking survey administrators are desirable. Other language written translations may need to be accommodated if requested. Loudoun County has translation services available if arrangements are made in advance.

- Q8. Regarding “new, innovative, and emerging technologies in the transit industry,” is Loudoun County actively considering a transition to a new reduced-emission propulsion type, such as CNG, propane, hybrid, hydrogen fuel cell, or battery-electric? Or is the long-range plan to stay with existing propulsion types?
- A8. The new, innovative, and emerging technologies is not limited to just reduced-emission propulsion types. The new, innovate and, emerging technologies in transit can includes a broad range of topics such as driverless vehicles, mobility as a Services (MaaS), Transit Safety enhancements, conductor-less ticketing, and multimodal trip planning with first and last miles connectivity etc.
- Q9. For strategies targeting hard-to-reach / limited English proficiency populations, is the County limiting this to Spanish-speaking customers, or will the focus be on other ethnic groups and languages also? If so, which ones?
- A9. Strategies targeting hard-to-reach / limited English proficiency populations should not be limited to Spanish-speaking customers only. Spanish is the predominant language spoken by limited English proficiency populations in Loudoun County. However, there are several languages that should be accommodated in accordance with the current Title VI Program, which is available on the County website: Title VI Program | Loudoun County, VA - Official Website.
- Q10. Regarding website design and the data dashboard: does County staff have a preferred platform or format for these items? And will County staff have the tools and ability to continue operating the website and dashboard after the consultant team’s involvement is complete?
- A10. The website design will need to conform to the CivicPlus platform which is the web design platform currently contract by Loudoun County. HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language) will also need to be available for any website design. Currently our office is utilizing Power BI for the data dashboard but would also be open to other options. There is no current standard in place for data dashboards for the county. The County will have the tools and ability to continue maintenance/operation of the website and dashboard developed.
- Q11. What is the current status of the TSP? It was scheduled for release in November 2023.
- A11. The TSP is currently under development and is anticipated to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration of approval in June 2024.